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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF APRIL 7, 2004

This Amendment in Reply to Office Action is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004 ("the Office Action") for the above-referenced application. The Examiner set a three (3) month period for reply. A petition for an extension of one (1) month accompanies this response, which is being filed on or before the current due date of August 9, 2004 (August 7 being a Saturday and August 8 being a Sunday).

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